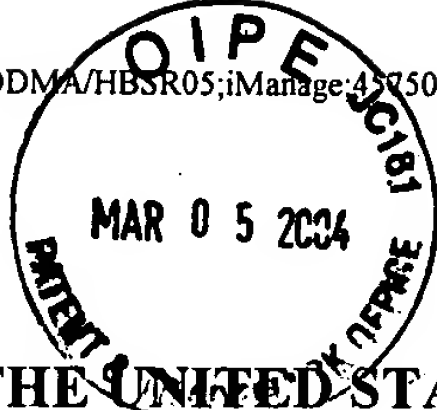


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312 for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 25, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: